THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The foreign collaboration approvals granted by Government contain a standard condition that foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on their exports.

(b) to (d) M/s. Kothari General Foods Corporation Limited, Madras have informed that the trade mark 'Tang' has been assigned to them by M/s. General Foods Corporation of USA and that they are now the owners of this trade mark in India.

Exclusion of hormone preparations from price control

*337. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee recommended exemption of all hormone preparations from price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these preparations are the monopoly of two or three drug companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these companies are importing these drugs at very high prices; and

(d) what are the grounds adduced by the Committee for recommending the exclusion of these hormone drugs from price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (d) The recommendations of the Kelkar Committee regarding price control of Hormones preparations are as follows:—

"The WHO list of Hormones includes Adrenal hormones, Synthetic substitute, Estrogens, Progestogens, Insulins and other Antidiabetic agents and Thyroids hormones and Antithyroid drugs under this heading. Of this, it was decided to drop constraceptives and allied items from price control as family welfare is an important National Health Programme and Government makes this available at cheap prices under their various family welfare activities. Considering the recommendation of WHO and the usage pattern, the Committee adopted Hydrocortisene in price controlled category, Prednisolone and Dexamethasone were separately recommended for price control".

(b) and (c) In view of above, do not arise.

Quality of Coal supplied to plant of W.B.S.E.B.

*338. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Minister of West Bengal has complained that bad quality of coal has adversely affected the power generation at West Bengal State Electricity Board's Plants; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No formal complaint has been received by the Government from the Power Minister of West Bengal about bad quality of coal supplied to West Bengal Power Stations. However, on 17.9.1987, Secretary (Power), Government of West Bengal talked to Chairman, Coal India Limited and informed that due to receipt of poor quality coal from Eastern Coalfields Limited, power generation has gone down resulting in load shedding. Coal India took up the matter with ECL for corrective action.

Power projects in Bihar

*339. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of different power projects in Bihar at various stages like sanction, construction and completion stages;